

Subject: cw waivers
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2fkooa\$hr@gerald.cc.utexas.edu> oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

>lawrence.goodwin@support.com claims:

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>>I recognize it as a nearly obsolete mode that is primarily still alive

>>for sentimental reasons.

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> This is pure baloney. CW has never been obsolete. You may not like
> contesting, but for every phone contest there is a CW contest. The
> best testers are not interested in using obsolete modes, so why
> do these contests still exist and generate so much activity? You may
> not like DXing, but all major expeditions operate mainly SSB phone and
> CW. Why would people spend thousands of dollars to activate a rare
> country, aim to make as many QSOs as possible and then use an obsolete
> mode to do it? Sure, there are a few phone-only expeditions, but there
> are also CW-only ones. G3SXW spend 3 weeks on Tristan da Cunha and made
> 23,000+ QSOs on CW and about 3 on phone. You think he did this just for
> sentimental reasons?

CW is still alive among testers because it's a *separate award category*. The purpose of contesting is to accumulate as many awards as possible, and to get the CW Honor Role status, you have to operate CW. That says nothing about whether CW is obsolete or not. Some people restore antique cars to win show trophies. Some people collect postal cards for no apparent reason. They follow whatever rules are in force in order to pursue their mania for status, regardless of whether the rules make sense to an outside party. The ARRL has just created a RTTY Honor Role. I'm willing to bet that more Dxpeditions will now include RTTY operations for that reason. If the ARRL dropped the CW Honor Role, it's likely that few DXers would continue to operate CW, just as few operate AM because there's no special status attached to that mode in the awards process.

According to the Newsline article, RTTY, AMTOR, and *other non-CW digital protocols* all count toward the award. That opens the possibility for totally automated stations to achieve DXCC in a short time. No doubt many of the CW ops will look down on those as "not real hams". But I also bet they'll be scrambling to setup to win the award too. :-)

Gary

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PHASE-3D FREQUENCIES

HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 361.01 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD DECEMBER 27, 1993
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
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PHASE-3D FREQUENCIES PRELIMINARY

This bulletin is to correct an error appearing in ANS Bulletin ANS-359.01 PHASE-3D FREQUENCIES.

While that bulletin's subtitle indicated that these frequencies are "solidified" for Phase-3D, actually, they are preliminary and comments on specific selections are welcome and will be considered.

Please post any comments via AMSAT.ORG to ON6UG, with a copy to W3X0, by January 31, 1994

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From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!hal!rab@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Surplus Elec. store in Cleveland
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <16CADE635.R0264@vmcms.csuohio.edu> R0264@vmcms.csuohio.edu writes:

>In article <9312221436.AA01919@tix.timeplex.com>

>taylor@tix.timeplex.COM (Seth Taylor) writes:

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>>I recall several years ago when I was in Cleveland OH that there was
>>an electronics surplus type place in downtown Cleveland. Was that
>>possibly Western electronics (or something like that) ? Does anyone out
>>there know about this place or the correct name and location ?

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>>Seth KC2WE

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>I think you are talking about Electronic Surplus, Inc. They are located
>at 1224 Prospect Ave, Cleveland OH. Their phone is listed
>as (216) 621-1052. There used to be one out East just off I-90 at about
>E 140th, but it has been out of business for the last 5-10 years.
>I liked it better, for some things such as good old hefty transformers
>for power supplies. ----- Phil, AA8JO.

That's the correct name, but they've recently to a new location at
5353 Broadway. The new phone number is 441-8500.

73, Roger AA8DV

from the Prospect Avenue location.

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From: world!slm@uunet.uu.net

Subject: UK scanner listeners arrested; called "hams"

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I read the following "Guardian" report, via Reuters news service, and was rather
irked. I would imagine that all the folks involved in this were
NOT necessarily ham-radio operators :-(

And I'm no expert on British law, but it seems rather unfortunate
to arrest someone because they wanted to drive someplace and see
something, if they were looking from a distance and not interfering
with police activities.

Sharon KC1YR

POLICE TURN TABLES ON POLICE RADIO EAVESDROPPERS

DONCASTER, England (Reuter) - Police in northern England
turned the tables on ham radio operators who eavesdrop on police
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radio by issuing a spoof broadcast of aliens landing nearby and
then arresting those who turned up to see the ``spacemen.''

South Yorkshire Police launched ``Operation Marconi'' when
they suspected criminals were cashing in on information gleaned

from the airwaves, The Guardian daily newspaper reported Monday.

The eavesdroppers ``could hardly believe their ears -- aliens were invading planet Earth ... Doncaster to be exact,'' the report, citing the latest edition of a local police magazine, said.

It said several people were arrested and charged with acting illegally on information in police broadcasts.

Scanning equipment can be legally purchased for a few dollars and it is not illegal to eavesdrop on police broadcasts. But it is against the law to act on any information overhead when monitoring police frequencies.

Another spoof broadcast, according to The Guardian, said bags of money had been discovered in woods and large sums were blowing around. Within two minutes, a first car of eavesdroppers arrived in the hopes of picking up some of the booty.

``This is a problem throughout the country. We just took the necessary steps to crack down on it,'' one officer in South Yorkshire, a northern English county, was quoted as saying.

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In article <CIpCrE.2xr@world.std.com>, slm@world.std.com (slm) writes:

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From: sdd.hp.com!nigel.msen.com!ilium!sycom!p-cove!wolfman@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

curran@corona.med.utah.edu (Mark Curran) writes:

> As for youth joining the Amateur ranks, I think that exposure is the only
> way. Consider being a true elmer, i.e. open your shack and help put
> people on the air. At the very least, help your local club with CW

You don't know how true this is. When I was 16, I was in an electronics class at school. The teacher was sick that day, and we had a substitute teacher, and he was a ham. He brought in his HT and I thought it was one of those hand held CBs.. I asked him why he would want to be on CB and he looked at me real strange! He told me all about ham radio and about the HT, and demonstrated it for me, and I was hooked... I passed the test about three months after my 17 birthday, and I finally got on the air today! I think there should be more things out there to try and hook young people into this.. Instead of going out and causing trouble, I just spend money on ham radio! :)

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curran@corona.med.utah.edu (Mark Curran) writes:

> Just a thought about CW requirements and licences. The last I new, and
> quite possibly not so now, The novice and tech licences included some
> wonderful CW only bandspace (Pick your favorite band). Do new hams
> get access to these freqs without demonstrating rudimentary CW skills?

I have a No-code Tech license, and the only bands that techs can transmit on are above 50MHz.. There are portions of those bands that have quite a bit of CW on (here anyway), and if I really wanted to make a fool of myself, and a local ham mad, I could try to communicate.. I don't think that this should be changed however, because I am planning on practising with another no-code friend so we can upgrade..

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> How about the opposite side of this argument. I.E. why should one need
> to know EE theory to upgrade from general to advanced and advanced to
> extra? While homebrewing is a vibrant part of the service, in these
> days of mass marketed radios, it is not essential. How about rewarding
> operating practice and amature service as an alternative method of

I think the basic understanding should be there.. One reason that pops into my mind instantly, is because of power supplies. I got my first radio for christmas (yesterday) (a mobile), and a power supply for it. The radio wasn't already wired up to the power supply, so I had to do it. I also got a KPC-3 TNC along with it, but no power supply.. So all day christmas I didn't know if I could wire in the TNC and the radio to the same power supply (I didn't pay much attention during the classes because of my cockyness and erogance).. I was going to wire it up after I did some calculations, but I thought I would hold off untill the day after, and it was a good thing I did.

The fun part of ham radio is getting to build, or even "fix" (the proper word is play :)) broken equipment.. If all the person really wanted to do is talk to other people, there are cheaper ways to do it (CB comes to mind).. I am not all that great in electronics (YET!), but I still like knowing whats going on when I push that switch on the mic..

On the other hand, I know what it's like having to take the test three times in a row before passing, and an easier way to start out would be great for people that don't know anything at all about electronics.. And rewarding for service and operating in ham radio is practised right now, with all the certificates handed out by the ARRL, but I don't really think that people should be able to upgrade by just winning contests..

Just my opinion.. Have a good day.

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Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

n4tii@kd4nc.uucp (John Reed) writes:

> don@genroco.com (Don Woelz) writes:
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> >In article <msanders-211293114849@msanders.sim.es.com> msanders@sim.es.com (
> >>In article <CIEC97.F6x@cbnewsi.cb.att.com>, warnergt@cbnewsi.cb.att.com
> >>(george.t.warner) wrote:
> >>>
> >>> >Where are all the young enthusiasts?
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> >>> They are waiting for the obsolete code requirements to be eliminated.
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> >>I disagree: I know five young hams in my area (under the age of 17) who
> >>are studying code, and two who have been making CW contacts on the novice
> >>bands and are nearly ready to get their general licenses at 13 WPM. I also
> >>just upgraded to general, and worked hard to meet the code requirements.
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> >I also disagree: My son, now 15 has had a General Class license for
> >almost a year now, and had a Novice before than, and started with
> >the codeless Technician license. His favorite pasttime is CW
> >contesting!

I'm 17, and I have my Tech license.. But I also hate CW.... After
sitting here for hours and hours on end trying to learn it, I got tired
of it real quick.. I will get it down though so I can upgrade, but
learning it and using is hard, for anyone...

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> I'm almost 23 on this end...I got my license when I was 17 and a Junior in
> High school....(Got Novice and Technician within a month of each other).
> A year later, I got my General and have been in a holding pattern since...

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> The problem I am having with my club is my age... I am the first young ham
> they've had in a while that is highly active....always on the radio...operati
> at field day, raising hell at club meetings, etc....
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> It seems that everytime there's a problem in the club, I'm the one to blame.
> Shortly after I got my license, we had a problem with a TouchTone bandit on
> the club repeater....all the OF's thought it was me..... even since, I have
> been more active then 80% of the club members, yet I'm still passed up for
> club nominations each year, passed up for control operator appointments,
> special duties in the club, etc...
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> MMy club as yet to give me the respect that I deserve as a member and as a
> person..everytime I open my mouth at a meeting, I'm met with a "That's nice
> son" attitude and a motion to shut up... I'm cut off in mid sentence, etc...
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> I don't if other clubs are like that with their new young hams, but mine is
> bad...
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> Some of these old phartes need to learn that us new hams have plenty to offer
> and in no way are we threatening to the establishment... I've done plenty for
> my club, without return.... if they only knew what I was capable of... in
> the CAP, I am a group communications officer, a node operator, a repeater
> control operator and site custodian for the machine, I node op a ham node,
> (GVL07:n4tii-7 in Gainesville, GA - 145.07), I am in AF MARS, (afa2fh), and
> have been a region 2 net control station, a beacon station, a TEXN agent.
> I'm the AEC for the Hall County GA ares...etc etc etc.... but I'm just not
> qualified to serve as an officer in my club because "I'm too little!"

I don't think all clubs are like that.. Ours is pretty good to "young"
hams.. Although I just got my first radio yesterday, and made my first
contact today, so I will see if they start blaming me for things :) ..
There is only one other person (I think) in town here that is a ham and
under the age of 20, and he doesn't have a radio yet, so hopefully he'll
get one too and get blamed for things also :)... The people in our club
are pretty helpful to new hams.. One in particular helped me out more
than was nessecary, and because of him, I am on the air today.. I think
you should look for a new club to hang out with, the sound like they are
pretty stuck up..

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Subject : Re: Where are all the young enthusiasts?

In article <CURRAN.93Dec23093918@corona.med.utah.edu> curran@corona.med.utah.edu
(Mark Curran) writes:

>As for youth joining the Amateur ranks, I think that exposure is the only
>way. Consider being a true elmer, i.e. open your shack and help put
>people on the air. At the very least, help your local club with CW
>classes or whatever. BTW, in relation to another ongoing thread, it wouldn't
>hurt if older hams would occaisionally pass through the novice CW/HF freqs.
>I recall calling on 10 and 15M for some time without answer, and I had 7
>and 6 element yagis at ~160 ft. Radio gets pretty boring if there is no one
>to talk with.

I agree with this!!! As a new advanced (and having worked *real* hard to get
my 13wpm code. :-), I did not feel too comfortable operating at high CW
speeds, so I spent a lot of time in the novice subbands--particularly on 40m.
I still do, even though I now operate on the lower fringes of the advanced
sections too. I find that most of the rag chewing happens in the novice
bands. Hams there seem to not worry as much about WAS or WAC or other neat
awards, and I've had some *long* QSOs at some very reasonable 10-15 wpm around
7.40MHz. Heazen knows they have helped my code speed!

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Will Turner, NORDV -----
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twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
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Subject : Re: Where are all the young enthusiasts?

In article <btobackCio2DI.6rG@netcom.com> btoback@netcom.com (Bruce Toback) writes:

>In article <1993Dec23.142146.22059@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

>> Amateurs are unique in being given blanket authority to make internal
>> adjustments to their transmitters. The FCC wants assurance that they
>> have an inkling of what they are doing. Thus the written exams on theory
>> and regulations. In point of fact, there's no reason whatsoever for
>> the Advanced or Extra class to exist. They serve no useful purpose since
>> Generals and Techs need the same knowledge.

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>That's not quite true: as someone else has pointed out, three of the five
>reasons given in the regulations

>for the amateur service to exist involve technical expertise. In
>addition, amateur radio has from time to time advanced the state of the
>art in communications technology. It is certainly worthwhile to reward
>technical knowledge, even if the reward is only a few kHz of spectrum.

>I'll abstain on the question of whether 20wpm code speed is worth
>any reward, at least until I pass the test :-).

People who have advanced the art have learned how to do so because they wanted to advance the art, not because they needed to prove their status by taking a test, nor because they wanted some scraps of exclusive spectrum. People who take the time, and spend the energy, to advance the art do so for their own internal satisfaction. The work, and sometimes it's publication, are their own reward.

>The Advanced and Extra tests do include questions on some modes that aren't
>covered by the Tech/General tests. Hopefully, this means that Advanced and
>Extra class amateurs will actually understand the equipment they're using.
>It also provides more people to help the less technically-inclined
>amateurs, so they don't all have to rely on Gary :-).

But it would be better if amateurs actually understood their equipment *before* operating it. I'm saying that Tech/General should cover the relevant basics, though they don't now, and thus Advanced and Extra would be superfluous.

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